

# IMPACT Make Your Mark

## NEWSLETTER



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It's great to see participants in a range of government funded programs making valuable use of the training credits they have accumulated. Ann Gibson who is featured in our spotlight story is a good example of this. I am sure there will be lots of reminiscing at our planned Staff Reunion in June. IMPACT has been operating for 28 years and many people have been employed at CYSS, Bundaberg SkillShare, Bundaberg Skills Centre and now IMPACT Make Your Mark. If you are one of these, come along for a fun night.

Judi Heard, Business Development Manager



### HIGHLIGHTS

- ☺ **Ann Gibson – Making Good Use of Training Credits**
- ☺ **Technology Survival Skills coming up.....**
- ☺ **Norville Park meets the Burnett River**
- ☺ **IMPACT Staff Reunion**
- ☺ **Enterprise Learning Bundaberg Launch**
- ☺ **Bowling Night for IMPACT Recycling Workers**
- ☺ **Introduction to Aged Care – Free Training**
- ☺ **\$301 RAISED - Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**

### SPOTLIGHT ON.....

## TRAINING CREDITS

Up date your skills;  
Open up employment opportunities

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### ☺ Ann Gibson - Making Good Use of Training Credits



Ann earned her Training Credits by successfully completing the Community Work Program to fulfil her mutual obligation requirements. She was able to complete the Community Work Program at the Baffle District Residents & Ratepayers Association and is involved in the development of the 18 page newsletter which is distributed to approx. 2000 residences in the Miriam Shire.

**Ann used her training credits for a Real Estate Course, which resulted in employment and a Microsoft Publisher course through Bay Connect.**

IMPACT was able to source the above training for Ann and she is very pleased with the assistance received.

The Training credits helped Ann secure part-time work in the Real Estate Industry and also have positive and rewarding input into the local resident's association.

Well done Ann for showing such initiative and taking advantage of your training credits.

*(An Australian Government Initiative funded by DEWR)*

### ☺ Technology Survival Skills coming up .....

This training program will provide an opportunity for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders & Australian South Sea Islander people to develop information technology skills for workplace and/or personal use. Training will be within a supportive, adult learning environment.

**WHEN** – Tuesday & Wednesday

**START** – 6 June 2006

**FINISH** – 12 July 2006

**Know of any participants? Phone IMPACT on 4153 4233 by 31 May 2006**

*Funded by Department of Public Works*



☺ **Norville Park meets the Burnett River**



IMPACT has received funding to conduct a Green Corps Project to protect the Burnett riverbed zone within Norville Parklands through appropriate channelling of stormwater flow and minimising further damage of the area. This will ensure safer utilisation by the community.

Green Corps provides an opportunity for growth, development, education and empowerment for young people aged 17-20 years. This work being undertaken by Green Corps will also have a cultural significance as the area was formally a pastoral reserve for the South Sea Islanders, known as Browns Estate. The work will restore an area of historical and cultural importance to a level that will be sustained by Bundaberg City Council.

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☺ **IMPACT Reunion**

IMPACT Make Your Mark will be having a Staff Reunion on Saturday 17 June 2006 so work mates from CYSS, SkillShare, Bundaberg Skills Centre & IMPACT Make Your Mark can reunite (Yes, we have had many name changes in 27 years!!). All staff can look forward to lots of trips down memory lane with good company, good food & good wine.



**For more information phone 4153 4233**

☺ **Enterprise Learning Launch**

The Enterprise Learning Project held its **Launch and Showcase** at IMPACT on Thursday 18 May with a **Breakfast and Networking activity**. It was well attended by over 50 representatives from the Government, Regional Schools, Tertiary Education Centres, Service Clubs and Community Organisations. Mrs Dorothy Cox, CEO of IMPACT, welcomed everybody and the Hon Paul Neville MP officially launched the project.

For the Showcasing, examples of the projects currently being undertaken at the schools were presented and displayed. Chrysanthemums grown for Mother's Day by the Bundaberg Christian College, Herb Growing by Bundaberg State High School, Vacuum Packaging of vegetables by Kepnock State High School and a child's Pedal Plane which Bundaberg State High School's Certificate I in General Construction will manufacture for the East Rotary Club to raffle for charity.

**Pedal Plane to be manufactured at Bundaberg State High School**



**Chrysanthemums grown by Bundaberg Christian College**



*Funded by Department of Education, Science and Technology*

## ☺ **Bowling Night for IMPACT Recycling Workers**

## **What a night!**



The Ten Pin Bowling night on 5 May was a fantastic fun night. It was a great opportunity for the recycling plant workers and IMPACT staff to get together and enjoy a relaxed night out, plus a good laugh.

It's amazing what talented bowlers we have within our group as well as some interesting techniques which produced some amazing results and some, not so amazing results.

It seems that everyone is looking forward to the next social occasion.

## ☺ **Introduction to Aged Care – Free Training**

IMPACT Make Your Mark will be offering an **Introduction to Aged Care** for Mature Aged Job Seekers (45 years plus). This course will offer three units from Certificate III Aged Care, a Senior First Aid Certificate and two accredited computing units.

As well, participants will undertake a work experience placement, be involved in personal development activities and effective job searching skills to increase employment potential.

Course commences 13 June 2006 for 10 weeks.

Times are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays, 9am – 3pm.

*(A Queenslanders Working Together initiative funded by the Queensland Government)*



## ☺ **\$301 RAISED - Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**

The Connections 2006 group, as a final function, catered for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday 10 May.

This event raised \$301 for the Cancer Fund. The group took responsibility for all planning, cooking and serving on the day. The food was just wonderful and the group is to be **CONGRATULATED FOR SUCH A MAGNIFICENT EFFORT!**



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

**IMPACT Make Your Mark** provides support, employment and learning opportunities for disadvantaged people in the community

**VISION**

To be a Bundaberg based not for profit organisation providing support, employment and learning opportunities for the Bundaberg & District community, for the benefit of disadvantaged, unemployed and people with a disability by providing:

- Innovative and dynamic responses to our client needs
- Assisting clients to overcome barriers to learning and employment
- Supported employment opportunities for clients with a disability
- Quality training in a supportive environment